

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1    1. (Currently Amended) A method of licensing and managing media resources in a tele-  
2    communications system including a converged services platform, said method compris-  
3    ing the steps of:  
  
4         creating a central pool of storing resource points representing a licensed or  
5         authorization level of media resource service capability; and  
  
6         ~~storing in said central pool all default and any additional licensed resource points~~  
7         ~~represented by a converged services platform; and~~  
  
8         dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more media re-  
9         source cards.
  
  
- 1    2. (New) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: storing in said  
2    central pool default and/or additional licensed resource points represented by a converged  
3    services platform.  
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- 1    3. (New) The method as in claim 1, wherein said allocating step allocates portions of  
2    said central pool to a particular media resource card for a specific media resource  
3    service.
  
  
- 1    4. (New) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: providing redund-  
2    dancy in the event a media resource card becomes unavailable by allocating additional  
3    portions of said central pool to remaining available cards.
  
  
- 1    5. (New) The method as in claim 1, further comprising the step of: designating a  
2    specified number of resource points required to perform each media resource service  
3    available.

- 1       6. (New) The method as in claim 5, further comprising the step of: determining a  
2       number of resource points needed to perform an application by multiplying a number of  
3       required media resource services by their corresponding number of required resource  
4       points.
  
- 1       7. (New) The method as in claim 6, further comprising the step of: licensing addi-  
2       tional resource points to a customer in the event that said resource points needed to per-  
3       form an application are greater than said default resource points available.
  
- 1       8. (New) The method as in claim 7, further comprising the step of: notifying said  
2       customer that a license for additional resource points is needed in that event.
  
- 1       9. (New) The method as in claim 1, wherein said media resource service is selected  
2       from the group consisting of tone generation, tone detection, and recording/playback of  
3       voice recorded announcements.
  
- 1       10. (New) A converged services platform, comprising:
  - 2               one or more media resource cards for performing media resource services;
  - 3               a central pool storing resource points representing a license or authorization level
  - 4               of media resource capability, said central pool for storing default and/or additional li-
  - 5               censed resource points represented by said converged services platform; and
  - 6               a processor for dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more
  - 7               media resource cards.

- 1    11. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said processor
- 2    allocates portions of said central pool to a particular media resource card for a specific
- 3    media resource service.
  
- 1    12. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said processor
- 2    provides redundancy in the event a media resource card becomes unavailable by allo-
- 3    cating additional portions of said central pool to remaining available cards.
  
- 1    13. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein each media re-
- 2    source service has a specified number of resource points, which are required to perform
- 3    said service.
  
- 1    14. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 13, wherein a number of re-
- 2    source points needed to perform an application is determined by multiplying a number
- 3    of required media resource services by their corresponding number of required resource
- 4    points.
  
- 1    15. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 14, wherein said additional
- 2    licensed resource points are licensed to a customer in the event that said resource points
- 3    needed to perform an application are greater than said default resource points available.
  
- 1    16. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, wherein said media re-
- 2    source service is selected from the group consisting of tone generation, tone detection,
- 3    and recording/playback of voice recorded announcements.

- 1    17. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 10, further comprising: cache
- 2    memories programmed to cache voice recorded announcements and/or other an-
- 3    nouncements for playback.
  
- 1    18. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 17, further comprising: an as-
- 2    sociated file server coupled with a network interface and said processor, said file server
- 3    storing said voice recorded announcements and other announcements.
  
- 1    19. (New) A converged services platform, comprising:
  - 2        means for creating a central pool storing resource points representing a license or
  - 3        authorization level of media resource service capability; and
  - 4        means for dynamically allocating portions of said central pool to one or more me-
  - 5        dia resource cards.
  
- 1    20. (New) The converged services platform as in claim 19, further comprising: means
- 2    for storing in said central pool default and/or additional licensed resource points repre-
- 3    sented by a converged services platform.